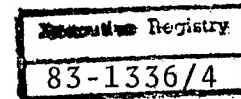


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AUG 10 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable  
William J. Casey  
Director, CIA

FROM: Charles Z. Wick  
Director

SUBJECT: "Soviet Propaganda Alert" No. 15

Attached is the fifteenth issue of the "Soviet Propaganda Alert" produced by our Office of Research.

In May and June the Soviets:

- o Criticized their own propaganda efforts. At a plenum of the Communist Party's Central Committee, Soviet leaders called for a more effective program of "counterpropaganda" to offset Western propaganda's influence.
- o Continued to attack the Reagan administration in harsh and abusive terms.
- o Charged that the U.S. is escalating the conflict in El Salvador, waging an undeclared war against Nicaragua, and turning Honduras into a base for armed aggression against Nicaragua.
- o Played up the official Soviet endorsement of a nuclear freeze, while stressing the sharp contrast between the United States' aggressiveness and the USSR's reasonableness and goodwill.
- o Launched their harshest media attack on Poland since the beginning of martial law, but gave little attention to the Pope's visit to his homeland.